

5 **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

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The present invention is directed towards a gemstone cut. Specifically, the present invention is directed towards a mixed cut gemstone with a brilliant cut crown, a girdle and a step cut pavilion. The crown in the present invention contains a flat table and a number of corner and upper girdle facets. The pavilion contains eight rib lines subdividing the pavilion into eight parts.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There are a variety of step, brilliant and mixed cut gemstone cuts, however, there are several problems that the prior art presents and furthermore the prior art does not address the particular need for the better gemstone cut that has superior combination of factors for scintillation, dispersion, and brilliancy. There is a long felt but unfulfilled need for a better gemstone cut that achieves best possible results for brilliancy, dispersion and scintillation.

There are several U.S. and foreign patents available, however, all of them present certain problems and do not fulfill the need for a better gemstone cut.

20 U.S. Patent No. 5,970,744 to Greeff discloses a mixed cut gemstone having step cut crown with two steps and a flat table, a girdle and a pavilion. The crown and the pavilion are substantially square in shape and corners being a third of a side length. The pavilion sides and corners have rib lines that extend from the girdle to the gemstone's culet. Each pavilion side has four facets divided. The gemstone is a combination of a step cut crown and a brilliant cut pavilion. The present invention is substantially different from this prior art. The present invention has a brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion. The prior art contains steps in its

5 table, whereas the present invention has a brilliant cut crown without any such steps. The pavilion of the prior art is brilliant cut without any steps, whereas the present invention contains a step cut pavilion with several steps. The features of the present invention allow it to achieve superiority over the prior art in terms of physical characteristics of a cut gemstone, such as scintillation, dispersion and brilliancy.

10 U.S. Patent No. 4,020,649 to Grossbard discloses a step cut stone with polygonal shaped girdle and a pyramidal base. The crown contains at least table and girdle breaks, where some of the breaks contain triangular shaped facets. The present invention contains a step cut pavilion and a brilliant cut crown. Moreover, the present invention contains greater number of steps in its pavilion, rather than this particular prior art.

15 U.S. Patent No. Des 251,659 to Grossbard disclose a mixed cut diamond having a step cut crown with a flat table, a brilliant cut pavilion having a multitude of facets with rib lines dividing sides and corners and a point culet, unlike the present invention which has a line culet. Each corner and side contains at least four facets, including lower girdle facets and bezel stars. The present invention is a mixed cut gemstone with brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion.

20 The present invention's crown does not contain any steps and its pavilion does not contain a bezel star, as in the case of this prior art

U.S. Patent No. Des.391,518 to Slowinski et al. discloses a mixed cut gemstone with a square shaped crown having a polygon shaped table, table and girdle breaks with multiple facets (including upper girdle facets, bezel star facets and lower table side facets). The gemstone has

25 brilliant cut pavilion with rib lines running from the girdle to the culet point. The sides of the pavilion have several facets, including lower girdle facets and bezel star facets. The present

5 invention has a brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion, which significantly differs from the prior art.

Russian Patent No. SU 1743563-A1 discloses a mixed cut diamond with trapezoidal shaped faces on both the crown and the pavilion. The rib liens subdividing faces on the pavilion run from the girdle to the culet line. The present invention substantially differs because of
10 having a step cut pavilion with several steps and a brilliantized crown.

While the prior art is of significant interest, it does not address a specific need of a particular way to have a mixed gemstone cut, that would achieve best possible coefficients for brilliancy, dispersion and scintillation. The present invention achieves that need by providing a mixed cut gemstone with brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion that has superior coefficients
15 of brilliancy, dispersion and scintillation.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed toward a gemstone cut.

The main object of the present invention is to create a mixed cut gemstone with a brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion.

20 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone having a brilliant cut crown, which provides for good dispersion and scintillation.

It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a step cut pavilion.

It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone having a
25 brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion having superior coefficients of dispersion and scintillation.

5 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone having a limited number of faces in its crown yet achieving best results for dispersion, scintillation and brilliancy.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a crown having a flat table, four corner facets and four upper girdle facets.

10 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with multiple step cut pavilion having a point culet.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with multiple step cut pavilion having a line culet.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a
15 rectangular shaped girdle that provides for superior coefficients of dispersion, scintillation and brilliancy.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a square shaped girdle that provides for superior coefficients of dispersion, scintillation and brilliancy.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a
20 diamond shaped table that provides for the best results in dispersion and brilliancy.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a diamond shaped table that is slightly elevated from the girdle plane.

 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with its pavilion having four right lines that divide the pavilion into four parts.

25 It is another object of the present invention to create a mixed cut gemstone with a rectangular shaped girdle where girdle length is about twice the girdle width.

5 Other objects will become apparent from the foregoing description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The following description of preferred embodiments of the present invention will be better understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. It should be understood, however, that the invention is not limited to the precise arrangements shown in
10 which:

FIG. 1 is a view of the top of the gemstone cut showing a crown with a flat table and crown facets.

FIG. 2 is a view of the bottom of the gemstone cut showing pavilion step cuts and a line culet.

15 FIG. 3 is a side view of the gemstone cut from the long side of the gemstone.

FIG. 4 is a side view of the gemstone cut from the shorter side of the gemstone.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of another embodiment of invention where the gemstone is cut with a square girdle.

FIG. 6 is perspective view of the bottom of the gemstone cut of FIG. 5 showing pavilion
20 step cuts and a point culet.

FIG. 7 is a side view of the gemstone cut of FIG. 5.

FIG. 8 is an alternative top view of the gemstone cut of FIG. 5.

FIG. 9 is an alternative top view of the gemstone cut of FIG. 6.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

25 The present relates to a new gemstone cut. Specifically the present invention is directed toward a mixed cut gemstone having a brilliant cut crown and a step cut pavilion. The present

5 invention would be better understood in conjunction with the following descriptions of preferred
embodiments. However, it is understood by one skilled in the art that the present invention is
not limited to the scope of those specific embodiments, but instead restricted to the above
referenced prior art and the appended claims. It is understood by one skilled in the art that other
embodiments are possible as long as they are within the spirit and scope of the following claims.

10 In the following description, the reference to drawings and specific terms are used for
clarity and conciseness. It is assumed by one skilled in the art that there are to be no unnecessary
limitations to be implied from such terms or references. Furthermore, the descriptions and
drawings are for illustrative purposes only and the present invention is not limited to the exact
details shown, described or represented.

15 There are several well-known types of gemstone cuts, which serve as distinguishing
characteristic in classifying the gemstones. Among those are a step cut, a brilliant cut and mixed
cut. A step cut, while lacking dispersion capacities of the brilliant cut, achieves elegant and
classic looks of the gemstone. The step cut can be distinguished by long facets, called "steps",
arranged parallel to the girdle. On the bottom the number of facets is undeterminable and the
20 crown usually has two steps. The brilliant cut has no steps and achieves excellent brilliancy and
dispersion coefficients while compromising elegance and classic looks of the step cut. Finally, as
a combination of the both brilliant and step cuts there is a mixed or hybrid cut, which attempts to
achieve the elegant and classic looks without compromising brilliance and dispersion factors.

25 Moreover, the gemstones are also described in terms of dispersion, brilliancy and
scintillation. Dispersion is separation of light into seven wavelengths when light passes through
the surface of the gemstone. Dispersion cannot be seen when the surfaces (i.e. facets), through

5 which light travels, are parallel to each others, because the light rays converge, when they pass through the surfaces. Brilliancy refers to the brightness of the stone, thus, relating to the surface polish of the stone and the internal reflection of light from back facets. Scintillation refers to the flashing of light from the facets of the stone when the stone is turned or the observer of the stone is in motion. Scintillation depends on several factors. Among those are a number of facets, the
10 quality of polish and the brilliancy of the stone.

In one embodiment of the invention, referring to FIGS. 1 through 4, a gemstone 10 is shown from the top. The gemstone 10 is depicted with a diamond shaped crown 12 with a flat table 16, four corner facets 20, long side upper girdle facets 14 and short side upper facets 18. These facets are isosceles triangles. The width of the crown 12, along which upper girdle facets
15 18 are aligned, is about 50% the size of the length of the crown 12, along which upper 14 are aligned. The table 16 is separated from the corner facets 20 using the table break lines 22. Lines 22 create a diamond like shape of a table, thus providing for much better dispersion and scintillation coefficients. The corner facets 20 are separated from the upper girdle facets 14 and 18 using girdle break lines 24. The corner facets 20 are four sided polygons. Two of the sides
20 form break lines 24 with the upper girdle facets, and one forming a break line with the table facet and the other forming an edge of the eight sided girdle 50.

The upper girdle facets 18 form about 40° to 50° angles with the girdle plane and the upper girdle facets 14 form about 45° to 55° angles with the same plane. The corner facets 20 form angles of about _____, with the girdle plane. One set of corner angles 50 of table 16 are
25 about twice the size of the other set of corner angles 49.

Referring to FIG. 2, the gemstone cut 10 is shown from the bottom. The gemstone cut 10

5 has a pavilion 40, step cuts 36 and a lower girdle facet 34. The steps are almost equal in width, except for the lower girdle facets 34, which are slightly larger in width. In this particular embodiment, the gemstone cut 10 has a culet line 30. The steps 36 and the lower girdle 34 form approximately 45-50 degree angles with the girdle plane. Each step is slightly a different angle. These are formed using the rib lines 32. Referring to FIG.3 and 4, the gemstone cut 10 is shown from a side view, showing crown 12, girdle 50 and pavilion 40. The girdle 50 has a depth of about 1/20th the length of the girdle 50. The depth of the crown 12 is about 1/10th of the length of the girdle 50 and the depth of the pavilion 40 is approximately 1/4th of the length of the girdle. The angle between that the longer sides of the pavilion 40, and the lower corner facets 46 is approximately 30°. The lower corner facets 46 are truncated triangles (frustums) 56 and 57 with the innermost corner facet 58 being a triangle.

In another embodiment, shown in FIG. 5, the gemstone 11 is shown with a crown 9 having a square shape. A flat table 13 also in a shape of a square, four corner facets 15 in the shape of truncated triangles, and four upper girdle facets 17, in the shape of triangles. The arc of the flat table 13 is approximately 1/4th of the area of the base of the crown 9. The four corner facets are equal in area. The four upper girdle facets which are triangles, are equivalent in area. FIG. 6 depicts a bottom view of the gemstone 11 having a pavilion 41 having step cut facets 37. All of the facets having step cut lines,. The pavilion 41 has a point culet 31 where rib lines 33 converge. The lower corner facets which touches the girdle 41 and the corner facet below that facet truncated triangles 48 with the innermost one 49 being a triangle.

Each of the step cuts is at an angle to each other, that is shown in more detail in FIG. 7. Facet 47 is at an angle of _____ degrees with respect to the girdle facet 48 is at an angle of ____

5 _____ degrees with respect to the girdle and facet is at an angle of _____ degrees with respect to the girdle.

Fig. 8 and Fig. 9 shows alternative tops for the gemstone of Fig. 1 and 5 with the addition of _____ crown facets 147 and 149 which are rectangular in shape and are situated between facets 15 and 20 and the girdle respectively.

10 The gemstones that may be used by the present invention are conventionally known precious or semi-precious stones such as diamonds, rubies or other well-known stones. The gemstone cut provides for the hybrid cut that allows for superior coefficients of dispersion, scintillation and brilliancy. The brilliant cut crown allows for superior dispersion of light. Moreover, because of the particular way the gemstone is cut, the brilliancy and scintillation of the
15 gemstone is enhanced as compared with the prior art. When the light hits the table and facets of the crown it bends several times after reflecting of inner surfaces of the facets. Meanwhile, the step cuts of the pavilion provide parallel incoming and outgoing rays of light, making the gemstone appear more brilliant and scintillated. Because of the unique way that the gemstone in the present invention is cut, it gains significant advantages over the prior art.

20 In the foregoing description of the invention, reference to the drawings, certain terms have been used for conciseness, clarity, and comprehension. However, no unnecessary limitations are to be implied from or because of the terms used, beyond the requirements of the prior art, because such terms are used for descriptive purposes and are intended to be broadly construed. Furthermore, the description and illustration of the invention are by way of example
25 and the scope of the invention is not limited to the exact details shown, represented, or described.

While the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, it

5 is understood that the invention is not so limited but rather includes any and all changes and
modification thereto which would be apparent to those skilled in the art and which come within
the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

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